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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF SYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO  
LEBANON

REF: (A) BEIRUT 2224 (NOTAL), (B) BEIRUT 2260 (NOTAL)

1. AS YOU WILL LEARN FROM USUN'S REPORTING, THERE IS NO  
RPT NO STRONG PROSPECT THAT SYG WALDHEIM WILL APPOINT THE  
AGA KHAN AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN BEIRUT. WALDHEIM  
IS FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE  
WHO CAN WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH PRINCIPAL LEBANESE POLITICAL  
FACTIONS (AND WITH ISRAEL) AND THAT A MUSLIN WOULD HAVE DIF-  
FICULTY IN SUCH A ROLE. YOU COULD SAY ALL THIS TO BOUTROS.

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2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT--IN PART BECAUSE OF YOUR STRONG  
VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT--WE HAVE BEEN URGING WALDHEIM TO AP-  
POINT A SENIOR FIGURE AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN  
BEIRUT, SOMEONE WHO HAS SUFFICIENT STATUS TO COMMAND THE  
RESPECT OF LEBANON'S CONTENDING ELEMENTS. FROM THAT PER-  
SPECTIVE, WE BELIEVE THAT WALDHEIM WAS AIMING IN THE RIGHT

DIRECTION BY CONSIDERING THE AGA KHAN. HIS RECORD AS UNHCR WAS OUTSTANDING AND AS A CONSEQUENCE HE ENJOYS A CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION.

3. BOUTROS SHOULD BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT INTERVENE WITH WALDHEIM TO OBJECT TO INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS AGA KHAN WHOSE CREDENTIALS ARE HIGHLY SATISFACTORY.

4. THE FOREGOING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXPLICIT ANSWER TO BOUTROS, BUT YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON IT AS YOU SEE FIT. MAKE CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE WE WOULD WISH TO PUSH. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER VIEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THE REASONS FOR AIMING AT A MIDDLE RATHER THAN SENIOR LEVEL UN REP IN BEIRUT. CHRISTOPHER

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